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# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## **COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** April 7, 2009

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing Submission Of Grant Applications Totaling

\$3,941,585 For Stimulus Funds For Non-Point Source Pollution

**Treatment Projects** 

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Parks and Recreation Director to Submit Applications to the State Water Resources Control Board for a Financing Agreement for the Catch Basin Inlet Storm Drain Screens Project, the Parking Lot Storm Water Retrofit Project, and the Upper Las Positas Creek Restoration and Storm Water Management Project.

### **DISCUSSION:**

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law by President Obama. This act appropriates additional economic stimulus funds for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization. The California Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) will receive approximately \$280 million from this bill. The CWSRF will modify their existing loan program to distribute a portion of these monies as grants to fund nonpoint source pollution control projects throughout the state.

Although competition is extremely high for these stimulus funds, the Creeks Division is proposing to submit three grant applications for projects that conform to the funding agency's grant requirements. These projects were selected by staff because they create jobs, build green infrastructure, and will be ready for construction when the CWSRF begins awarding stimulus funding. The CWSRF guidelines require a resolution authorizing the applicant's representative to sign the grant application and execute a grant contract.

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Creeks Division projects proposed for the CWSRF grant applications include:

- <u>Catch Basin Inlet Storm Drain Screens Project</u> installation of retractable screens on all City storm drain inlets to prevent trash and debris from entering the creeks and beaches, while still allowing storm water flows to pass.
- Parking Lot Stormwater Retrofit Project at Downtown Parking Lot #4 –
  construction of an infiltration well for the treatment of storm water and
  urban runoff. This is a Low Impact Development (LID) demonstration
  project.
- Upper Las Positas Creek Restoration & Stormwater Management
   Project construction of vegetated swales, basins, and pocket
   wetlands that capture and treat urban storm water runoff from adjacent
   neighborhoods and the municipal golf course.

### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The Creeks Division is requesting \$3,941,585 in grant funding. Of that amount, \$1,789,388 from the grant will be for the Storm Drain Screens Project, augmented with \$184,612 of Measure B matching funds. For the Parking Lot Stormwater Retrofit Project, \$500,000 of the grant funds will be augmented with \$100,000 of Measure B matching funds. Finally, staff is requesting \$1,652,197 from the CWSRF for the Las Positas Creek Project, to be augmented with \$314,398 in Measure B matching funds. Measure B matching funds for all proposed projects are included in the Creeks Division Capital Fund.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

These projects are designed to reduce several types of water quality pollutants, including trash, sediment, nutrients, and heavy metals. The Las Positas Creek project also includes several acres of creek habitat restoration

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**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office